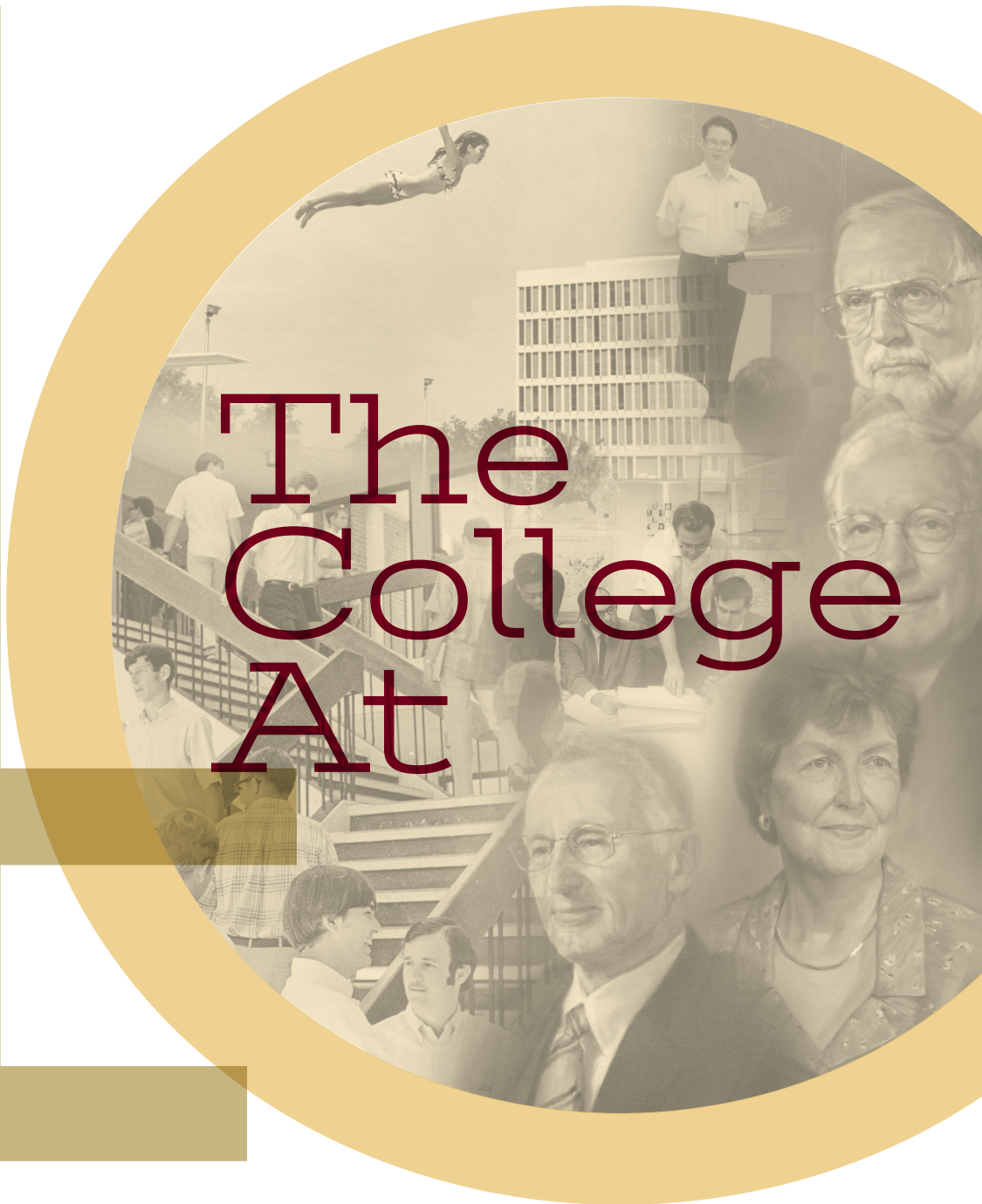


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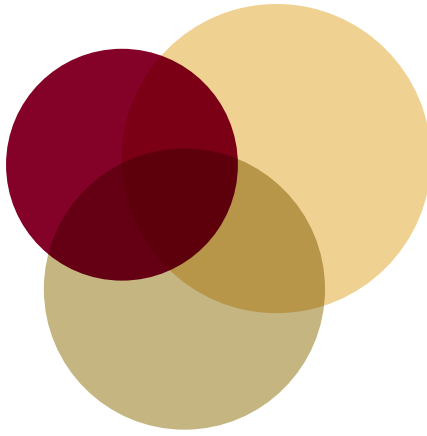
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Our Mission

The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy is dedicated to providing students with the highest quality instruction and performing first class research to serve society. Our students and faculty generate new knowledge that enhances the discussion of important social, economic, and public policy issues and leads to innovations in industry, government, and nonprofit organizations. We prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life.

Strategic Goals

We intend to:

- Transform the educational experience for outstanding students to help prepare tomorrow's leaders in business, politics, government, and the nonprofit sector for a global society.
- Build world-class research and teaching programs that focus on issues related to equality of opportunity, economic development, aging, health, and environmental quality that are critical to the state of Florida and the nation.
- Develop an international research and teaching program on the impact of cultural, social, and political institutions on equality of opportunity, economic growth, terrorism, and international relations.
- Engage in research to generate practical solutions to economic, political, and social problems.
- Achieve and retain top 20 status among U.S. public universities in all program areas and departments.

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David W. Rasmussen

Dean of the College of
Social Sciences and Public Policy

Dear Friends,

Welcome to this annual report celebrating the college's 40th anniversary. This has certainly been a year for milestones: since last fall we've also marked anniversaries for the Master's International program (20 years), the Gus Stavros Center for Economic Education (25), and the LeRoy Collins Institute (25). Occasions like these are always time for looking back, and in this report we chronicle some of the dramatic changes that have affected our students and faculty during the past four decades. More important, however, is the drive to keep looking forward, and as significant as our past accomplishments have been, they pale in comparison to future possibilities.

President Barron has set a goal to place Florida State University among the top 25 public universities in the nation. The passage of a bill in the 2013 Florida Legislature naming FSU and the University of Florida as pre-eminent universities within the state system does much to take us closer to that goal. With the pre-eminence bill we expect a substantial influx of resources that will replace most of the budget cuts we suffered in recent years. The college will support the university's priorities in a number of ways: by investing in cutting-edge social research methods that can exploit information embedded in social media; by enhancing our formidable expertise in health and aging, a high priority for us as Florida and the nation face many important issues due to a rapidly rising elderly population; and by developing a social entrepreneur program to enhance the entrepreneurial university initiative that is part of the pre-eminence bill.

We continue to build on our mission to prepare our students for meaningful careers, advanced professional training, and an active role in public life. Two examples of how the college prepares students for the workplace are featured in this report in a section highlighting our innovative applied and professional master's degree programs (see pages 10-13). And please read Deborah Sawyer's thoughtful letter on the next page encouraging support for these valuable programs.

First, our Master's in Applied American Politics and Policy program provides students with skills that are useful in political pursuits as well as in nonprofit organizations and public relations sections of private firms. Our graduates have been employed by the Democratic and Republican parties, political campaigns, lobbying firms, consulting firms, and media outlets.

Second, preparing students for professional practice is the mission of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning. Studios are an integral part of this process because they give 10 to 12 students an opportunity to work on a specific planning project, which is often commissioned by an actual client. Three of these studio projects, funded by the university, have won prestigious awards from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

Our students and faculty continue to receive university and national honors. I am proud of their many accomplishments and eagerly look forward to a future of expanding opportunities. I welcome the opportunity to visit with you next time you are on campus. Please stop by our homecoming reception on November 16 when we honor this year's distinguished alumnus, Mark Ellis (B.S. Economics 1979, J.D. College of Law 1984).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David W. Rasmussen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It's hard to believe it's already fall and the halls of Bellamy are bustling with new and returning students, pursuing the same programs we pursued. Like many of you, I try to stay connected to the college, mostly by reading the annual report and the Dean's twice yearly reports. Mostly I scan these looking for familiar names and what's new in the international affairs program, and then I am on to other things. But this year was different. To borrow from Oprah, I had an "aha" moment when fellow alum Rob Auslander brought to my attention the applied master's programs being offered by the college, in particular the program in applied economics. My initial response to Rob was, "Wow, I wish this was offered when we were graduating."

Why am I so enamored with this program? Upon graduating from FSU, I worked as a statistician for a marketing concern, and while I could crunch numbers, create data, and create some truly beautiful bar graphs, I didn't have the tools to analyze or interpret the data, i.e., I had the concepts and the theories down, but not the application. It was very frustrating. Now in my role as an executive search consultant, I see the increasing need for economists, statisticians and mathematicians in the business world, as opposed to academia or research institutes, to solve the dilemma of big data. The problem is most colleges and universities are graduating students well versed in concepts and theories, but falling short of practical tools and "work skills."

Dr. Stefan Norrbin has designed a program that gives students hands-on experience with "live data" projects, as well as skills around presenting and interviewing, giving his graduates a head start in the world of work and setting them apart from their peers from other schools.

Why am I sharing all of this with you? Because, I have a favor or two to ask of each of you. The first is to become more connected with the college; great things are happening within the walls of Bellamy, and each of you can contribute to the college's success. Normally, this is where I would hit you up for a financial donation, and you are always encouraged to give back via a monetary gift, and I hope you do. But this ask is different.

In order for the Master's in Applied Economics program to continue its growth as a premier center, we need more "live data" for the students' applied economics project. If you work for, or consult to, a company that is engrossed in the big data challenge, I encourage you to contact your customer insights or chief marketing officer and ask if they would be willing to provide problems and research data to the program, thus allowing the students access to real business problems and providing back to your company potential solutions to these real problems—a free mini consulting project, if you will. It is a win-win for all involved and provides you a way to give back to the college beyond writing a check.

The same goes for alumni of other departments. The college also has valuable and effective applied master's programs in public health, politics and policy, geographic information science, and demography, and students in all these fields benefit greatly from projects in which they get to apply their learning to real-world experience. That gives them a substantial leg up in the job market, which means your involvement will be helping to train a skilled and dynamic future workforce—perhaps for your own company!

Please do the college, and me, this favor. The future success of these programs relies on us, the alumni.

All the Best,



Deborah A. Sawyer

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40 The College At

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. A lot has changed in that time. When the college was carved out of Arts and Sciences in 1973, FSU had just over 20,000 students, and the football team went 0-11. Fred Flowers, one of about a dozen African-American students at FSU when he enrolled in 1965, received his master's in urban and regional planning in 1973, and a young man named Eric Barron had just earned his Bachelor of Science degree. Today, the university boasts more than 40,000 students, only three of the College's faculty at the time of its founding continue in full-time service, and Eric Barron is now the president of FSU.

The world outside the campus has also changed, in ways too numerous and too vast to enumerate. Scarcely a student at the college in 1973 could have conceived of conducting his or her academic and social life via the Internet and smart phones, and many might be bewildered by the economic, political, and social realities we live with today. At the same time, as the resources the college offers students to understand those realities have expanded and developed, those from the early '70s would still feel right at home here. The Bellamy building has been renovated, and new landscaping has made the grounds around it immensely more pleasing, but otherwise it looks just as it did in 1973 when the college first called it home.

The college has more than kept pace with all the changes. Although the number of students attending FSU has doubled since 1973, the

college's growth dwarfs that. The number of bachelor's degrees awarded has grown 380 percent over these 40 years, from 306 to 1468. The Department of Government, which at that time included both political science and public administration, produced 38 percent of all the college's undergraduate degrees granted in 1973. Today, the political science department still produces the most bachelor's degrees—24 percent—but international affairs is now a very close second.

NEW PROGRAMS INCREASE OPPORTUNITIES

The college has not rested on the foundation of programs that were transferred from Arts and Sciences. During the deanship of Marie Cowart (1999-2003), a decision was made to develop applied master's programs in economics, politics, public



health, and geographic information science in order to provide terminal degrees that would improve the professional opportunities for our undergraduates. These programs have been very successful in attracting students. The number of master's degrees conferred by the college has grown 152 percent since 1973, from 115 annually to 290.

We have also "adopted" programs in African American studies and Latin American and Caribbean studies from the College of Arts and Sciences. In 2010, we added "Public Policy" to our name to recognize the relevance and importance of our research and teaching missions.

Today the college has a "Get More Than a Degree" initiative that encourages undergraduate students to engage in learning outside the regular curriculum. This includes research, international study and service, and professional development opportunities. Mainstays of this effort which did not exist in 1973 include the World Affairs Program, Global Peace Exchange, Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate, Social Science Scholars, and National Association of Business Economics.

FACULTY COMPOSITION REFLECTS CHANGING DEMOGRAPHICS

The composition of the faculty has changed dramatically since 1973, when there were only two women teaching in the college. Today, 30 women make up 27 percent of the faculty, among them Eminent Scholar Chairs Jill Quadagno (sociology) and Carol Weissert (political science) and named professors Frances Berry (public administration) and Irene Padavic (sociology).

The college has also kept pace with a demographic that was not so common in 1973 but to which FSU has adapted well. We are often faced with a job candidate who will accept a position only if his or her spouse or partner can get a job in one of our departments or elsewhere in the university. We now have a spousal hiring program in which the Provost's office and the involved departments share in funding the trailing spouse's position. As a result, we now have four married couples within



THE CHANGING FACE OF THE COLLEGE

(Top, left to right:) The number of women on the faculty has risen over the past 40 years; today we're proud to have Eminent Scholar Chairs **Jill Quadagno** (Sociology) and **Carol Weissert** (Political Science) and named professors **Frances Berry** (Public Administration) and **Irene Padavic** (Sociology). (Center:) Programs like the **Global Peace Exchange** give students opportunities for study and service abroad. (Bottom:) Technology has changed the way students learn and teachers teach. The early days of pen and paper have given way to the use of computers in classrooms, extracurricular activities, and social life.

the college, three in the same department. Several other faculty members have spouses in other colleges in the university.

Globalization is also transforming the academic marketplace. As more international students come to the U.S. for graduate degrees, they are becoming a larger portion of the qualified applicants for faculty positions; this has been particularly pronounced in our economics department. In 1973, there were only three social sciences faculty members who were foreign nationals, two of them in economics. By 2012, international faculty had risen to 16, nine in economics. Today, four foreign nationals make up one-third of the geography faculty. International faculty currently in the college come from Japan, China, Russia, Korea, Taiwan, Germany, Sweden, Thailand, Ireland, Mexico, and India.

Faculty growth over these four decades has not kept pace with our increasing student body, rising just 24 percent since 1973, a figure that pales beside the 305 percent increase in total degrees. We have followed a national trend by increasing the number of instructors who are long-term employees but not tenure earning. These faculty are assigned exclusively to teaching and advising roles and are not expected to contribute to the university's research mission.

OUR REPUTATION CONTINUES TO GROW

The national standing of the college as a Research I institution has risen since its founding. In 2012, the college was ranked 44th among the top 200 university social science programs in the world and among the top 20 public universities in the U.S. No other college at a Florida university cracked the top 50.

We're proud of our individual departments and programs that have been ranked in the top 20 among public universities: the departments of Political Science and Urban and Regional Planning, the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy, the health and aging specialty in the Department of Sociology, law and economics, and the urban and regional economics area of study. Our interdisciplinary program in experimental



THE WAY WE WERE

Alumni of the College of Social Sciences will recognize these scenes from our history.

social science is among the elite in this fast-growing field. Our Master's International Program in Urban Planning was a crucial factor in FSU's inclusion in the Peace Corps' May 2013 ranking of the top 10 Master's International and Paul D. Coverdell Fellows programs for currently serving and returned Peace Corps volunteers.

With President Barron's leadership, the university is poised to improve its overall ranking to be in the top 25 in the nation. The college is well positioned to support this effort.

DONATIONS BOOST A MORE STUDENT- CENTERED COLLEGE

Financial support from alumni and friends has had a transformational impact on the college's mission. It has increased our capacity to mount special research and service programs and greatly expanded our capacity to support student groups

and special student initiatives. Through donations to the college via the FSU Foundation, generous friends and alumni have created four centers and institutes and three lecture series.

Because state allocations cannot be used for such expenses as food and drink purchases or student travel grants, we can't emphasize enough the positive impact private contributions have had on the college's ability to offer improved educational opportunities and many more transformative experiences for our students than were possible 40 years ago. It's a small thing for faculty members to arrange a lunch for students to meet visiting eminent scholars and public figures, but it was a big problem in 1973 when there were no private funds available for events like these.

There are so many ways contributions from alumni and friends have facilitated off-campus experiences that can add to

a student's educational expenses. Last year alone, annual gift and endowment accounts provided travel scholarships and grants for students participating in international study; Global Peace Exchange projects in Nepal, Rwanda, and Uganda; and professional meetings that offered them opportunities to present their research. Contributions also helped fund competitive teams in the World Affairs Program and the American Mock Trial Association, resulting in a national championship for the FSU team (see article on page 9). Thanks to private support, the Monsignor William Kerr International Education and Dialogue Initiative, created in 2010, offers a special seminar each summer and hosts students from developing and war-torn countries to cultivate vibrant global dialogue at FSU.

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THE NEXT 40 YEARS

The fact is, the world has gone through vast changes over the past four decades, and as it continues to do so, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy can be expected to keep growing and evolving to foster innovative research, discussion, and action on important social, economic, and public policy issues.

"We are constantly faced with new challenges, new uncertainties that few may have foreseen back in 1973, and who knows what the future will bring in another 40 years?" says Dean David Rasmussen. "One thing is certain—this college will remain committed to providing emerging generations with the education and opportunities necessary to meet the challenges of a changing world." ■

BY THE NUMBERS

DEGREES AWARDED

BACHELORS

1973 - 306
2012 - 1468 **+380%**

MASTERS

1973 - 115
2012 - 290 **+152%**

DOCTORATES

1973 - 23
2012 - 41 **+78%**

TOTAL DEGREES AWARDED

1973 - 444
2012 - 1799 **+305%**

TOTAL UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENT

1973 - 20,100
2012 - 40,301 **+101%**

FACULTY IN THE COLLEGE

TENURE FACULTY

1973 - 86
2012 - 98 **+14%**

TEACHING FACULTY

1973 - 4
2012 - 13.5 **+238%**

TOTAL FACULTY

1973 - 90
2012 - 111.5 **+24%**

FEMALE FACULTY

1973 - 2
2012 - 30 **+1400%**

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

1973 - 2
2012 - 16 **+700%**

CENTERS & INSTITUTES ESTABLISHED IN THE COLLEGE

LeRoy Collins Institute, 1988

Stavros Center for Economic Education, 1988

Claude Pepper Institute, 1992

Claude Pepper Center, 1996

DeVoe L. Moore Center for the Study of Critical Issues in Economic Policy and Government, 1998

LECTURE SERIES ENDOWED AT THE COLLEGE

Ruth K. and Shepard Broad International Lecture Series, 1998

Anderson-Ashby Lectureship on Public Policy Journalism, 2000

Joe Cresse Ethics in Government Distinguished Lecture Series, 2007)

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Three students from the college were awarded Fulbright Scholarships for international education: **Taylor Adams** (Economics), to teach English in Taiwan; **Daniel Taylor** (International Affairs), to teach English in Russia; and **Caitlin Strawder** (Political Science/Interdisciplinary Social Science), to teach English in Columbia. Earlier this year, Ms. Strawder received the Student Profiles of Service Award recognizing individual students who demonstrate exemplary commitment to community service.

Public Administration graduate students **Keturah Brown**, **Jacob Horner**, and **Margaret Sanders** were each awarded 2012-2013 Gubernatorial Fellowships. The program gives Florida college students firsthand experience in state government operations by placing them in part-time jobs within the Executive Office of the Governor or in gubernatorial agencies.

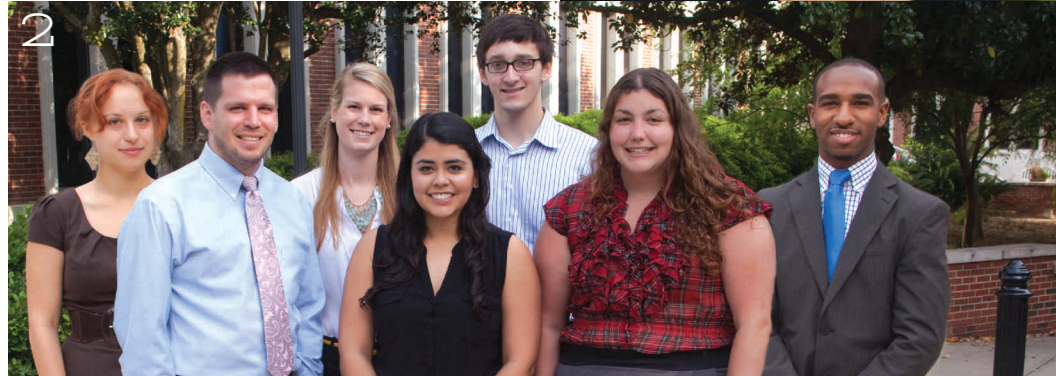
Scott Liebertz (Political Science) was selected to receive the International Dissertation Semester Research Fellowship by the Office of the Graduate School.

Abraham Pena-Talamantes (Sociology) was selected to receive the 2013 Graduate Student Leadership Award, which recognizes "an outstanding graduate student leader who has made extraordinary contributions to his or her scholarly, campus, and/or wider communities."

Melissa Bamford (Sociology) received an Outstanding Teaching Assistant Award chosen by students, faculty and staff for contributions to student learning.

Several college grad students were recognized by the Program for Instructional Excellence Teaching Associates this past year for service to the teaching and learning communities: **Karen Bareford** (Urban and Regional Planning), **Austin Boyle** (Economics), **Timothy Kelleher** (Geography), **Giuseppina Valle** (Sociology).

Rosie Contreras (International Affairs/Women's Studies), a Social Science Scholar, was sworn in as FSU Student Body president on March 27, 2013. She succeeds **Rueben Stokes**, a graduate of the College of Social



1. Caitlin Strawder. 2. Student Leadership Council 2012-13; 3. Gregoire Carter Narcisse; 4. Melissa Bamford and Abe Pena Talamantes; 5. Rosie Contreras and Sara Saxner; 6. On April 4, 2013, Alpha Kappa Delta, the International Sociology Honor Society, held a new member induction of the following students (left to right): Kelly Green, Alexandra Nowakowski, Wilburn Peacock, Mallory Bennett, Catherine Perez, Lacey Ritter, Stephanie Bradley, Lillian Spell, and Collin McCarter; 7. JoEllen Pederson.

Sciences and Public Policy. At the same ceremony, **Sara Saxner** (Interdisciplinary Social Sciences/Public Administration) was sworn in as vice-president.

The following graduate students completed the certificate programs for either the Preparing Future Faculty or Preparing Future Professionals programs: **Aisha Azhar**, **Azhar Manzoor**, **Joseph Vonasek** (all Public Administration), **Austin Boyle** (Economics), and **Summer McWilliams** (Sociology).

On April 13, 2013, Department of Sociology undergraduate **Kelly Green** and grad student **JoEllen Pederson** were recipients of the Academic Leadership Award based on academic performance, university service, and other contributions both in and out of the classroom.

Ph.D. candidate **Georgianna Strode** (Geography) is the 2013 recipient of the Disasters and Community Research Fellowship from the Emergency Management and Homeland Security program at FSU. Her research explores systems for estimating population beyond the spatial confines of administrative census boundaries.

Sociology grad student **Stephanie Bradley** was awarded the Social Science Research Council's Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship. Stephanie's proposed dissertation work serves to shed light on how federal policy contributes to educational and financial disparities between racial groups. Her interest in this area develops from a 16-year banking career that preceded her enrollment at FSU.

Fort Lauderdale's *Sun-Sentinel* newspaper featured an article on June 3 about **Gregoire Carter Narcisse**, who received his bachelor's degree from the Department of Political Science this past May. At the commencement ceremony, FSU President Eric Barron noted that he was the youngest person ever to graduate from the university at just over 18 years old.

The college's Student Leadership Council sponsored a "Get More Than a Degree" event on February 5, 2013, to inform undergraduates of the many education-enhancing programs and opportunities available to them, including international programs, internships, research projects, and more. The council also co-hosted a panel discussion on April 12 featuring 1987 Nobel Peace Laureate Oscar Arias Sanchez, former president of Costa Rica. ■

SOCIAL SCIENCE STUDENTS WIN ALL- AMERICAN STATUS

A team of 10 FSU students, including six from the Department of Political Science, brought home a magnificent trophy after winning the American Mock Trial Association (AMTA) national championship in Washington, D.C., April 14, the first time any Florida school has won the national competition and the first time FSU has competed at that level. The team beat four-time national champion Rhodes College in the final round after edging out such top-ten division contenders as UCLA, NYU, Cal-Berkeley, Northwestern, Georgetown, and defending national champion Duke.

The mock trial program enhances students' skills in critical thinking, public speaking, team work, identifying key facts, and formulating persuasive arguments, as well as increasing their knowledge of legal practices and procedures. Under AMTA rules, every member of the team wins the title of All-American Attorney or All-American Witness.

Tallahassee attorney Neil Skene, who serves as the group's volunteer advisor, said the awards luncheon in the Reagan International Trade Center was filled with tension and drama for the FSU competitors.

"We knew the results of the first three rounds but not the fourth. When UCLA was announced as second place, our group jumped up and hugged each other. We were it!" he said, adding his admiration for team

leader Matt Covert (junior, Political Science). "Matt is one of the most impressive student leaders I have ever worked with. This accomplishment is a result of his strategy, commitment, and leadership."

One of the key choices Matt made was using a challenge the team won in a drawing at the beginning of the Duke Invitational trial tournament last December. Matt chose to pit his team in the first round against the University of Virginia (UVA), the strongest team in that competition, knowing that winning the invitational wasn't as important as being well-tested and amassing experience for the upcoming national event in the spring. As FSU team member Shahier Rahman, rated Best Attorney at the national championship, told the UVA coach and host of the tournament, "We learned so much from losing that round to UVA, and seeing what they did to beat us."

Mr. Skene also noted he was as proud of the team for its class as for its proficiency, a sentiment echoed by AMTA President Glen Halva-Neubauer. At the mid-level tournament held at Furman University earlier this year, the team won the Spirit of AMTA award, chosen by the competing teams as best exemplifying "the ideals of honesty, civility, and fair play."

All in all, this was a remarkable Cinderella performance for these students. During the Furman tournament, the faculty coach for a perennially strong contending team told Neil Skene, "If you guys make nationals on your budget, they ought to have trumpets to greet you." Well, not only did they make it, they walked away with the grand prize!

Among those sounding the trumpets was Dean David Rasmussen: "This national championship is an extraordinary accomplishment. I am grateful to our alumni and friends who donated to our General Development Fund, enabling the college to support the mock trial team's travel to regional and national competitions." ■



Congratulations to FSU's American Mock Trial Association National Championship Team! (Left to right): **Peter Checkanover** (freshman, Political Science), **Laura Older** (sophomore, Theatre), **Neil Skene** (Coach), **Steve Hurm** (Coach), **Matthew Covert** (junior, Political Science; co-captain), **Shahier Rahman** (senior, Philosophy; co-captain), **Ross Roberts** (senior, Theatre), **Justin Nipper** (junior, Political Science), **Emma Allen** (sophomore, Religion), **Rachel Kay** (sophomore, Political Science). Not pictured: **Patrick Servidio** (junior, Political Science), **Daniel Kroepsch** (junior, Political Science).

APPLIED AND PROFESSIONAL MASTER'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

Students, faculty, alumni, and employers connect to the world beyond the classroom

Studio Provides Real-World Experience, Service to Communities

Florida's oldest and largest graduate planning program is making the most of its strategic location in the capital city and leveraging its network of more than 1,400 alumni to offer students valuable real-world opportunities.

Founded in 1965, the Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) has been a leader in planning education for decades and has significantly shaped practice in a state known for innovations in comprehensive planning, emergency management, land conservation, urban design, public health, and the transportation-land use nexus. The program calls on its large alumni network to provide opportunities for student internships and permanent employment positions for graduates. Further capitalizing on these connections, the department's award-winning Florida Planning and Development Laboratory (FPDL) centralizes and brands the planning department's work on applied projects, giving students vital experience in their chosen field.

The FPDL operates much the same as a professional consulting firm, annually securing hundreds of thousands of dollars in professional project work and internship opportunities for DURP students. Led by Planner-in-Residence Lindsay Stevens, a professional planner and full-time faculty member, the FPDL works with contracts for real-world planning projects in areas reflecting the diverse interests of the unit's faculty and students. Once under contract, planning projects are typically staffed through the capstone studio course (URP 5342 – Advanced Planning Problems) by five to twelve graduate students in their final year of study. Students participating in

the semester-long DURP capstone studio course are provided with an applied, place-based learning experience that cements the links between their coursework and professional practice.

Over the last 10 years the FPDL has partnered with a long list of funders from the public, private and nonprofit realms. The unit has also undertaken international planning studios, with two successful projects in Panama City, Panama, as well as eco-tourism work in St. Lucia and Belize. These projects provide valuable learning opportunities for students and also yield top quality, professional planning products for clients to use as they move forward.

In addition to working with external agency and community partners, the FPDL has recently partnered with the university to conduct studios that address the needs of FSU as it partners with the local government and private actors to pursue redevelopment at the edges of campus. The first project, Creating a Community of Scholars at Florida State University, was a partnership between the FPDL and several university units (Housing, Graduate School, Student Affairs, Finance and Administration).

In this studio, eight DURP students explored existing housing options for graduate students within FSU and the Tallahassee community. The project developed recommendations on how the university could provide housing that better integrates the components of student life and fosters a community of scholars, thereby increasing the attractiveness of FSU to the world's best and brightest students. This work received the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association's 2012 Student Project Award of Merit, the top award for student planning projects in the state. Accolades went to the student team of Dominick Ard'is, Cheryl



THE AWARD-WINNING 2013 DURP STUDIO TEAM
Front Row (L-R): Elwyn Gonzalez, Valerie Brookens, Katherine Kinda, Harris Berns-Cadle; Back Row (L-R) David Thorpe, Jeffrey Diemer, Julian Burton, Andrew Young, David Harrison, Brian Austin.

Dippre, Adam Jacobs, Stan Reecy, Bessie Reina, Morgan Runion, Lauren Stanley, Natalie Suñer, and Shawn Urbach, under the direction of Lindsay Stevens and Melissa Saunders with support from DURP graduate Mary Jo Specter.

In fall 2012, the FPDL worked with several FSU partners and a private-sector stakeholder group, the College Park Association, to complete the College Park District Action Plan. This studio focused on the neighborhood immediately east of the Westcott gate, between the university and downtown Tallahassee. The district has enormous value to the Tallahassee community and contains historically significant buildings, landmarks, and green spaces but has struggled physically and economically in recent decades, failing to attract substantial investment or redevelopment.

The College Park District Action Plan envisions the development of the district into a vibrant urban space and neighborhood by improving infrastructure, encouraging infill development, and ultimately establishing a unique sense of place. The strategies developed by the studio have been embraced by the university, the private sector, and the Tallahassee planning department and in June 2013 earned FPDL the Florida Student Project Award, a prestigious honor from the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

In many ways, the studio model of the Florida Planning and Development Laboratory reflects the most powerful of combinations to be found at world class universities like FSU. The FPDL brings together faculty with expertise in urban planning and development, students with the passion and ability to make the world a better place, and professional and alumni contacts to connect with key stakeholders and interests. When successful, the grad student housing and College Park District, these projects provide a vision for the future and serve as a launching pad for public-private partnerships, new investments, and a renewed sense of commitment to these areas.

If your community or organization is looking for an opportunity to leverage your resources, then the FPDL welcomes hearing from you at 850-644-8515 or lstevens@fsu.edu. For more information about the laboratory, please visit fpdl.coss.fsu.edu. ■

DURP Master's International Program Celebrates 20th Anniversary

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Students in the Master's International program have traveled far and wide in their Peace Corps placements, including (from top left, clockwise) Albania, Morocco, Lesotho, and Guatemala.

The vibrant, continuing relationship between the Peace Corps and the college's Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) was honored at an event at FSU's Claude Pepper Center, November 16, 2012, as the Master's International (MI) program marked the 20th anniversary of its founding. The program was established in 1992 to ensure a steady stream of volunteers to meet the critical planning needs of rapidly growing urban areas in developing countries.

After an initial year of coursework, MI students are placed as Peace Corps volunteers to work with planners and administrators in such areas as environmental management, water and sanitation, economic development, and community planning or to help non-governmental organizations fill the gap between government services and local needs.

In addition to a keynote speech by Peace Corps Chief of Staff Stacy Rhodes, the event included panel discussions on the benefits of the Peace Corps experience featuring alumni of the MI program and Returned Peace Corps Volunteers

(RPCVs) who served in the Corps then went on to graduate work at the college and/or DURP. Among these was Distinguished Alumnus Award recipient Tony La Colla, who served in Bolivia (2000-2002) in eco-tourism infrastructure development. The award was given to Tony for exemplifying the goals of the Peace Corps and the mission of Florida State University. He now works in comprehensive planning, community planning, and historic preservation as senior planner with the Hillsborough County (Fla.) Planning Commission.

According to Dr. Petra Doan, director of the program, 36 DURP students have volunteered for the program since its inception, serving in 23 different countries.

"This program has been an absolute joy to run," she says. "I get to help prepare students for a life-changing experience with the Peace Corps, enjoy hearing their stories when they return to Tallahassee to finish their degrees, and then watch as their careers follow such interesting paths." For more about the Master's International program, please visit coss.fsu.edu/durp. ■

Applied Master's Degree Leads to Service and Success

In 2001, the Department of Political Science elevated what had been an informal focus on political campaigns and political communications to a full-blown graduate degree concentration in applied American politics. Subsequently the program, the Master's in Applied American Politics and Policy (MAAPP), which had been initiated in the early 1990s by former professors Doug St. Angelo and Charles Billings, has grown to become one of the largest and most comprehensive in the nation.

The goal of this program is to produce professionally trained political practitioners and activists who have a scientific understanding of the political market and voter persuasion. MAAPP students gain an understanding of how public opinion is shaped and how it can affect individual candidates and organizations, knowledge of the legislative process, deep comprehension of the influence of the political environment on achieving business and public policy objectives, and consummate propagandistic skills.

As currently configured, the MAAPP is a 37-hour degree program that includes 25 hours of coursework and a 12-hour internship. It can be completed in one calendar year. It enrolls students who have recently completed undergraduate degrees and are at the beginning of their careers, as well as men and women with substantial experience in a variety of professions, including law, government affairs, public

administration, and journalism. It includes courses on managing political campaigns, political fundraising, lobbying, media applications in both political and advocacy campaigns, legislative affairs, managing governmental relations, and more. The courses are taught by faculty of the Department of Political Science and by highly regarded practitioners in the fields in which students aspire to work.

Since its initiation, the program has awarded more than 275 degrees and placed its students widely throughout the fields of political management and professional politics. Graduates serve in positions in political campaigns and elections, lobbying/political advocacy, legislative affairs, issues management and governmental relations, and as staff assistants to public officials at multiple levels of government. Here are a few of their stories. For more information about the program, please visit polisci.fsu.edu/graduate/prospectives/maapp/index.htm.

Beth Matuga is an expert in political finance and fundraising. She served as finance director for the Democratic Party of Florida and fundraiser for a number of Democratic candidates in the state, including former Rep. Alan Boyd and former state legislator Lorraine Ausley. In 2012 she was the finance director for the Florida Supreme Court Merit Retention Campaigns. She is also an elected official, serving as a supervisor of the Piney Z Community Development District in Tallahassee.



Former President Bill Clinton with Beth Matuga

Jamie Wilson came to the MAAPP program after an 11-year career in senior positions on the staff of former U.S. Senator Connie Mack II and as executive director of the Republican Party of Florida. Subsequently he was vice president at the lobbying firm of Dutko Poole McKinley and helped found Liberty Partners of Florida, a governmental and political consulting company in Tallahassee. He is currently the vice president for Government Relations for the Moffitt Cancer Center in Tampa.

Jennifer (Knowles) Finnegan is the manager of congressional relations at the American Society for Radiation Oncology (ASTRO) in Washington, D.C., where she lobbies Congress and the administration on healthcare issues. Prior to joining ASTRO, Jennifer worked as a lobbyist for Health Dialog and advocated for patient education and wellness improvements to the Medicare program. As a graduate student in the MAAPP program, where she earned her degree in 2007, she worked as a lobbyist in the Florida Legislature and served as the campaign manager for a county commission race in Leon County, Fla.



Jennifer (Knowles) Finnegan

Jon Costello began his political career in 2006 at the Tallahassee lobbying firm Rutledge, Ecenia and Purnell, where he worked as an intern while completing his MAAPP degree. While serving in this position in 2010, a supporter of then candidate Rick Scott asked him to recommend people for the upcoming gubernatorial campaign. As a result, Jon himself went to work on the campaign, and when Scott won the election, he became the governor's director of legislative affairs. After two years in the position, he returned

to his original firm, where he serves as director of legislative affairs. Jon is also a member of the board of directors for the North Florida Water Management District.



Gov. Rick Scott and Jon Costello

Justin Day is a director at the Advocacy Group, a company that advises, represents, and advocates for domestic and international clients with interests in transportation, construction, public works, technology, and the environment. A highly regarded political advisor, he served as a senior member of the campaign staffs of a number of Democratic candidates in Florida, including Betty Castor for U.S. Senate, Rod Smith for Governor, and Alex Sink for Governor. In the 2012 campaign, he was National Chair for the Democratic Committee's Gen44 program and a member of President Obama's National Finance Committee, where he was one of the top 100 fundraisers in the nation. Justin serves on the Big Bend Cares board of directors and the New Leaders Council National Executive Committee.



Justin and Elena Day with President and Mrs. Obama

Daniel Gilliam completed the MAAPP degree in 2004 and went on to earn a Ph.D. in political science at Rochester University. He is now assistant professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania. Reflecting his interest in active politics, his most recent book is *The Political Power of*

Protest: Minority Activism and Shifts in Public Policy. (After initial involvement in applied political activities, three other MAAPP students also pursued Ph.D. degrees in political science: Megan Wiggins, Will Flanders, and Karen Halperin.)



Daniel Gilliam

Allie Feldman graduated from the MAAPP program in 2006 and went to work as a field organizer, strategic adviser, and fundraiser in political campaigns in New York, New Jersey and Ohio, including that of New Jersey Gov. John Corzine. She also worked for the Human Rights Campaign, the New Jersey Public Advocate, and the New York State Senate. Currently, Allie combines her love of politics and animals as the executive director of NYClass, an animal advocacy organization that works to elect humane candidates and lobbies to make New York City a more humane place. Allie's work to bring the issue of treatment of the city's carriage horses to the center of New York City's mayoralty race has been covered by the *New York Times*.

Christie (Raniszewski) Herrera is vice president of policy at the Foundation for Government Accountability (FGA), an organization that "develops and promotes public policies that achieve limited, constitutional government and a robust economy." She has worked at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., and the James Madison Institute in Tallahassee. Prior to FGA, Christie was director of the Health and Human Services Task Force at the American Legislative Exchange Council, an association of state legislators that led conservative opposition to President Obama's landmark Patient Protection and Affordable Health Care Act. In this position, she testified before Congress and 27 state legislative committees.

Nicole Stookey, a 2003 graduate of the MAAPP program, has worked in Florida government and politics in governmental relations, political communications, and public relations. She served in the executive office of Gov. Jeb Bush, coordinating public appearances and citizen inquiries. After that, she joined the governmental affairs team at the Florida Medical Association, followed by positions in the Florida Department of Children and Families as legislative liaison and special assistant to Secretary Lucy Hadi. Nicole currently serves as the department's assistant director of legislative affairs, responsible for coordinating and advancing the agency's priorities in the state legislature.

Natasha Sugathapala is the director of marketing and public relations for Leopold Law in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., where she works to raise the profile of court issues to ensure that individual rights and liberties are protected and consumers have access to justice. During the 2012 election cycle, she organized Defend Justice, an educational forum for local judges, attorneys, and community leaders. In the 11 years prior to her position at Leopold Law, Natasha was the assistant director of development at the Florida Justice Association. She is active in numerous philanthropic organizations in Florida, was the founder of the South Florida Tsunami Relief Organization for affected families in Sri Lanka, and for the past two years has led a statewide coalition to promote the passage of a booster seat law in Florida.

Milton Vazquez is a political organizer and project manager. He has served on multiple political campaigns as a consultant on targeting, grassroots organizing, and voter contact strategies. He was the campaign manager for State Representative Tony Sasso, the South Florida field director for the Florida Democratic Party, field director for the Gloria Romero Roses campaign for Congress, and the coordinated campaign organizer for the Florida Democratic Party. He also served in Washington, D.C., as a trade analyst for the U.S. Department of Labor, conducting fact-finding investigations of Trade Adjustment Assistance petitions under the Trade Act of 1974. ■



Lecture Series

Laird B. Anderson and Florence H. Ashby Lectureship on Public Policy Journalism

1. Lee Rainie, Director of Pew Research Center Internet and American Life Project. "Networked News." **February 7, 2013**
2. Ron Elving, NPR News Senior Washington Editor. **December 6, 2012**

Ruth K. & Shepard Broad International Lecture Series

3. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoglu, Secretary General of the Organization of Islamic Countries. **February 14, 2013**
4. Louise Léger, Canadian Consul General in Miami. **January 13, 2013**
5. Dr. David Crist, Senior Historian for the Federal Government. "A History of the Twilight War: The Prospects for Peace and the Likelihood of War Between the United States and Iran." **November 15, 2012**
6. Dr. Maman Sidikou, Ambassador of the Republic of Niger. **October 10, 2012**

Center for Demography and Population Health 2013 Charles B. Nam Lecture in Sociology of Population

- Dr. Megan Sweeney, UCLA. "Reconsidering the Course and Consequences of the U.S. Contraceptive Revolution." **March 22, 2013**

Other Lectures

- Dr. Phil Berke, Department of City & Regional Planning of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Public Risks and the Challenges to Climate Adaptation: Planning in the Age of Uncertainty." **November 8, 2012**
- Dr. Mindy Stomblor, Senior Lecturer and Director of Instruction at Georgia State University. "Sex Matters: Teaching the Sociology of Sexuality." **October 19, 2012**
- Dr. Karolyn D. Tyson, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. "Acting White after Brown: Examining the Role of Racialized Tracking." **October 5, 2012**
- Brett Ashley Leeds, Associate Professor of Political Science at Rice University. "To Concede or Resist: The Restraining Effect of Military Alliances." **September 28, 2012**

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNUS MARK ELLIS

Although his life and work are truly international in scope, this year's Distinguished Alumnus, Mark Ellis, still finds time to share his wealth of knowledge and experience with students back here at his alma mater. A 1979 graduate of the College of Social Sciences with a bachelor's degree in economics, Mark earned his J.D. degree from the FSU College of Law in 1984 and a Ph.D. from King's College, London in 2010. His work has taken him all over the world since then, but he still team-teaches a course in International Human Rights Law at the FSU College of Law.

As executive director of the International Bar Association (IBA) in London, Mark leads the foremost international organization of bar associations, law firms, and individual lawyers in the world. Prior to that, he was the director of the American Bar Association Central European and Eurasian Law Initiative. The two-time Fulbright Scholar is a frequent speaker and media commentator on international legal issues, appearing regularly on CNN International, Al Jazeera, and the BBC. He has published extensively in the areas of international humanitarian law, war crimes tribunals, and the development of the rule of law. His op-eds have appeared in newspapers throughout the world. His most recent book, *Sovereignty and Justice: Creating Domestic War Crimes Courts within the Principle of Complementarity*, will be released this year.

Mark draws on this impressive background to deliver insightful lectures—either in person or via Skype—to the survey course he teaches, augmented by his personal experiences as well as his high reputation as a scholar focused on international criminal courts. And it's not only FSU law students who benefit from his expertise. The course also attracts College of Social Sciences graduate students and law students from around the world, recruited and supported by the IBA, thanks to Mark's initiative. This mix has greatly enriched the learning experience by fostering exchanges between students of different nations and cultures, according to his teaching partner, FSU President Emeritus Sandy D'Alemberte.

"Mark Ellis has provided great leadership in human rights education," says Dr. D'Alemberte. "The work he did in cooperation with the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, developing material for the education of lawyers and judges, provided a basic text on human rights that has facilitated the development of other courses beyond the one taught at FSU."

Mark is currently at work on an exciting new project that significantly impacts the way human rights abuses and atrocities and other such international crimes are documented for more secure and verifiable use by media outlets and courts. Social media and smartphone technology have become important new tools for



sharing real-time news and first-hand accounts of world events, but uploaded photos and videos are likely to be rejected or given little weight in courts because they are rarely attributed and verifiable and do not include information such as the date, time, geographical coordinates, participants, etc. The IBA iWitness Project aims to provide a solution to this challenge with a user-friendly app easily downloaded to smartphones and designed specifically to record and transmit evidence of international crimes while securely protecting the identity of the person recording. The material is then securely sent to an iWitness database and reviewed by a professional legal team.

We're proud to note that a career of such high accomplishment got its start here at the college, and we welcome Mark to our honor roll of distinguished alumni. ■

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FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

At the annual Division of Student Affairs Leadership Awards Night, April 13, 2013, **Deana Rohlinger (1)** (Sociology) was honored with the Seminole Award, presented to members of faculty or staff who have an exemplary attitude toward students, are enthusiastic about working with students, and extend themselves to help students beyond the responsibilities of their job description, teaching, and research.

Katie Showman (Economics) and **Eric Coleman** (Political Science) won University Teaching Awards, recognizing faculty for excellence in undergraduate and graduate teaching. Nominations for the award are submitted by students and alumni.

Kaifeng Yang (2) (Askew School) was inducted as a fellow of the National Academy of Public Administration in November 2012. The organization assists government leaders in building effectiveness, efficiency, accountability, and transparency.

During the second annual Transformation Through Teaching dinner held at the university president's house, November 5, the Office of the President and the Division of Student Affairs honored faculty members who help individual students find meaning and purpose in their academic lives. Among the faculty chosen from student testimonials describing their transformative gifts were **Petra Doan** (Urban and Regional Planning) and **Lora Holcombe** (Economics).

Christopher Reenock (Political Science) along with his co-author, David Konisky of Georgetown University, was honored with the 2013 Pi Sigma Alpha Award for excellence in scholarly writing at the 84th Annual Conference of the Southern Political Science Association. A paper presented by the two scholars at the previous year's conference was deemed the best of 2012.

The FSU Council on Research and Creativity awarded grants to **Mark Souva** and **Quinton Beazer**, both in the Department of Political Science. Dr. Beazer received a planning grant, and Dr. Souva's was for his proposal "Power Changes, Arms Races and War."



Audrey Heffron-Casserleigh (3), director of the FSU Center for Disaster Risk Policy and director of the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Program in the college won the Burning Spear student organization's Guardian of the Flame Award for outstanding teaching.

Joseph Calhoun (4) (Economics) was honored with the Faculty Accessibility Award presented by the Student Disability Resource Center. The award recognizes faculty dedicated to the mission of full access and inclusion of individuals with disabilities at the university. This was the first year the award was given.

Mark Homer (5) (Geography) has been appointed the U.S. editor of the international journal *Transportation* published by Springer. ■

FACULTY IN THE NEWS

Jay Baker (Geography), **James Elsner** (Geography), and **Robert Deyle** (Urban and Regional Planning) were featured in coverage of the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in October and November 2012, including reports in *National Geographic*, *Florida Current*, and the *Huffington Post*, and on The Weather Channel and NBC New York. Dr. Elsner was also quoted by several media outlets about a new study finding that storm surge risk is amplified by climate change. Dr. Deyle was also quoted in the *Florida Current* and *Tallahassee Democrat* about the hazards of rising sea levels.

Carol Weissert (Political Science) and **Lance deHaven-Smith** (Askew School of Public Administration and Policy) were featured in reports about the 2012 presidential election in such media outlets as the *Tallahassee Democrat*, *Florida Times-Union*, *Miami Herald*, *Taipei Times*, *China Post*, and *Philippine Daily Inquirer*.

Dr. Weissert, who is also the director of the Collins Institute and the LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar, and **David Matkin** (Askew School) were quoted by several media outlets (*Business Week*, *Hispanic Business*, WCTV, et al.) about a study released by the Collins Institute that found the underfunding of pension plans is likely to get worse before it improves.

Dr. Matkin and **Randall Holcombe** (DeVoe Moore Professor of Economics) were quoted in state periodicals about a proposal to revamp the Florida Retirement System.

A report about the continuing drop in economic freedom in the U.S. by **James Gwartney** (Economics, Stavros Center) and two other economists was covered in articles in the *Washington Times*, *Huffington Post*, and Fox News, among others.

Deana Rohlinger, associate professor of sociology, was featured on CCTV-America, the English-language service of China Central Television, discussing the protests in Turkey and Brazil over the summer.

DEPARTMENT NEWS

ASKEW SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND POLICY

Earle Klay, Director

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Over the past two years, the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy has undergone an intensive self-study and peer review for the re-accreditation of its Master of Public Administration program. The school's MPA program is one of the oldest in the nation and was among the first nationally to become accredited by NASPAA, the Network of Schools of Public Policy, Affairs, and Administration. In March 2013, the accreditation site visit team issued its report, which included eight specific commendations for the school.

The site visit team commended the faculty for being very productive researchers who give the school a strong national reputation. The faculty members were also commended for being good teachers who are "accessible, caring, and concerned" toward students. The visitors were impressed with the quality of the students, stating they were "bright and have already developed a professional demeanor." Several specific aspects related to the curriculum were commended, especially that courses seem well designed to prepare students for future careers. The visitors noted that the school's connections to local government, nonprofit, and emergency management organizations are important in recruiting students into the program and in preparing them for careers. In recent years, several foreign governments have sent employees to the MPA program, a fact noted by the visitors. They also praised the school on the success of its five-year bachelor's-master's degree program open to students in majors across the campus. Approximately 60 students began their graduate studies in that program during the past year.

In fall 2012, FSU President Eric Barron announced the appointment of Dr. Rick Feiock of the Askew School faculty to be the holder of the Jerry Collins Eminent Scholar Chair in Public Administration and Policy. Professor Feiock is one of the most extensively published faculty members in the nation in the field of public policy and administration, and he is using the chair's endowment earnings to provide a variety of research and study opportunities for graduate students.



Rick Feiock

Also in fall 2012, Dr. Kaifeng Yang was selected to become a fellow of the congressionally chartered National Academy of Public Administration. Professor Yang is a prolific scholar who may be the youngest fellow ever elected. He has also been working closely with scholars and officials in China, and these efforts are resulting in new relationships between the Askew School and that country. For example, in fall 2013 some Chinese undergraduates will come to Tallahassee to take FSU classes to complete their undergraduate degrees from the prestigious Huazhong University of Science and Technology and then do their MPA at FSU.

The Askew School has been proud to announce the creation of endowed scholarships established in memory of two beloved adjunct faculty colleagues. A fully

endowed scholarship has been made possible from the estate of our late colleague Dr. Sheila Sheffield, who taught several courses for the school. The other is a scholarship named for Dr. Neil Crispo, who served as the school's internship coordinator and was a memorable mentor and classroom teacher. In the past year, Dr. Fran Berry completed a year of service as the president of NASPAA and began a year as president of the Public Management Research Association. Dr. Berry is also heading an initiative of the college and school to encourage and enable FSU students to become social entrepreneurs, people who create organizations and jobs in order to ameliorate social problems.



Fran Berry

Finally, doctoral students from the Askew School have been quite successful in obtaining tenure-track faculty positions at major universities. In the past and current year these include Hongtao Yi with the John Glenn School at Ohio State University, Jessica Terman at the University of Nevada, Agustin Leon-Moreta at the University of New Mexico, and Joe Vonasek at Auburn University. Vonasek, former budget director and assistant county administrator of St. Johns County, was hired as a visiting faculty member for 2012-13 and won the Auburn Student Government Association's award as "outstanding graduate teacher."

CENTER FOR
DEMOGRAPHY AND
POPULATION HEALTH

Karin L. Brewster, Director

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You wouldn't guess that the economy was still down last summer of the experiences of the 2012 graduates of the Master of Science in Demography program. All—yes, all!—of the August graduates were employed within a month of graduation. Three moved from census internships directly into census employment, one is doing statistical analyses for a state government agency, and two found professional positions in the private sector—one as a statistical analyst for a consulting firm and one in health services.

In October, Professor Kathryn Harker Tillman (Sociology) presided over the Southern Demographic Association's annual meeting in Williamsburg, Va. Current CDPH faculty and doctoral students were well-represented at the meeting: 11 of us participated as presenters, session chairs, or both. All members of the 2012-13 cohort attended the meetings, where they not only rubbed elbows with academic and government demographers but also met



Woody Carlson, Megan Sweeney and Charles Nam

many alums of the M.S.-Demography cohort, including Pete Borsella, Ron Cossman, and Jason Devine. Some also met the Dalai Lama, who was attending another conference at the Williamsburg Hospitality House and Conference Center!

Spring semester at CDPH is marked by two annual events that are made possible by the generosity of CDPH supporters and alumni—the announcement of the winner of the William J. Serow Prize and the Charles B. Nam Lecture. In March, Dr. Elizabeth (Betty) Serow visited the center to present the award named for her late husband and longtime director of CDPH, Bill Serow, and have lunch with the members of the 2012-2013 cohort. The Serow Prize provides tuition support to the student in the M.S.-Demography program who best demonstrates outstanding potential in

applied demography. The winner of the 2012 award was Monica Whatley, who holds a B.S. in mathematics and statistics from the University of South Alabama. Monica had a summer 2013 internship at the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., where she is working on an analysis of the impact of the proposed elimination of the Diversity Visa Program and updating a resource manual for immigrants.

The Nam Lecture, which brings a rising star in the sociology of population to CDPH, is arranged each year by the Charles B. Nam Professor, Woody Carlson. The 2013 Nam Lecturer was Dr. Megan Sweeney, who was recently promoted to professor of sociology at the University of California, Los Angeles and is faculty affiliate at both the California Center for Population Research and the Center for Demography of Health and Aging at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Dr. Sweeney gave her talk, "Reconsidering the Course and Consequences of the U.S. Contraceptive Revolution," to a standing-room only crowd in the DeVoe Moore Center in April.

Books to keep an eye out for: *History by Generations: Generational Dynamics in Modern History* is a collection of papers that consider the applicability to contemporary Europe of ideas advanced by Professor Woody Carlson (Sociology) in his 2008 book *The Lucky Few: Between the Greatest Generation and the Baby Boom*. The book opens with an essay by Dr. Carlson, who gave the keynote address at the conference on which the book is based.



Elizabeth Serow, Monica Whatley and Karin Brewster

Green Infrastructure and Public Health, by Chris Coutts (urban and regional planning) is now under contract with Routledge.

This past spring, CDPH launched its updated web site: popctr.fsu.edu. The site, designed by RedGiantCreative.com, gives us a new look and highlights center research programs, our academic programs, and the applied demographics studio. To keep up with center happenings, like our Facebook page (search for FSU-Center-for-Demography-and-Population-Health) or follow us on Twitter (@fsupopcenter). We're moving forward!

LEROY COLLINS INSTITUTE

Carol S. Weissert, Director

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The LeRoy Collins Institute celebrates its 25th anniversary in 2013. The institute was established in 1988 to conduct research on Florida's most pressing needs. It's named in honor of LeRoy Collins, who served as governor of Florida, 1955-1961. Gov. Collins provided leadership to the state in civil rights, environment, education, health care, and governance. The institute is planning a 25th anniversary event in October to highlight Gov. Collins's legacy and to outline how that legacy can help define Florida's future.

In 2012-13 the institute continued its research on municipal pensions with publication of three reports. "Years in the Making: Florida's Underfunded Municipal Pension Plans," authored by Professor David Matkin of the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy and published in September 2012, highlighted the trends in municipal pension funding over the past five years. It illustrated that the difficulties of many municipal pensions were not solely the result of the falling stock markets. A second report, published with Florida TaxWatch in February 2013, "Looking at Florida's Municipal Pensions," provided information on how Florida cities are dealing with pension funding issues. The third municipal pension report, "Doing it Right: Recognizing Best Practices in Florida's Municipal Pensions" (June 2013), applied the five commonly recognized standards for well-functioning pensions to Florida. Professor Matkin was also the author of this study, which found that the five best-practice guidelines were generally associated with well-funded plans.



David Matkin

Professor Matkin and Carol Weissert, LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar and professor of political science, testified before Florida House and Senate committees on municipal pension issues in 2013, including testimony on a bill calling for more uniformity in reporting on municipal pensions. The Institute's municipal pension work has been widely cited in the press and was credited by Jacksonville Mayor Alvin Brown in his proposed plan for revamping that city's pensions. Research on municipal pensions is funded in part by the Jessie Ball duPont Fund.



Carol Weissert

The institute, in conjunction with Integrity Florida, published a report on local ethics laws in November 2012 based on a survey of Florida counties. The report, "Florida Counties Bridge the Ethics Policy Gap," found that a number of counties have enacted laws dealing with ethics policy, ethics enforcement, lobbying, campaign financing, and procurement that could serve as models for other counties and the state.



Dean David Rasmussen serves on the Collins Institute board, which is chaired by Lester Abberger. The complete board membership, policy studies, and more information on the Collins Institute may be found at collinsinstitute.fsu.edu.

DEVOE L. MOORE CENTER

Keith Ihlanfeldt, Director

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During the 2012-2013 academic year the DeVoe Moore Center made great strides in continuing to advance its mission to educate FSU students about the effects, both positive and negative, that government regulations and policies have on individuals and the economy. A key part of this mission is to increase our knowledge of these effects by conducting research and disseminating our findings in journal articles and books. These findings are also made available to the public, especially local and state policymakers, through the outreach aspect of our mission, which we advanced this year by moving strongly into social media with blogs, Twitter, and Facebook.

Our work toward this mission is truly comprehensive. In addition to publishing our research in topflight academic journals, we offer our own courses on land use regulation, sponsor multiple symposiums every year on critical issues of interest to policymakers, provide research support to students and faculty throughout the college, and maintain our own server providing unique databases to the FSU community.

The past year was distinguished in two respects. First, the center is on the forefront of two of this nation's most perplexing problems: climate change and mortgage foreclosures. On the first topic the center's symposium papers comprised an entire issue of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

journal *Cityscape*, one of the most widely distributed journals of its kind. On the second topic, the center jointly hosted a conference with the University of Florida's Bergstrom Center that focused on what we have learned from the foreclosure crisis and how we can prevent another such crisis in the future. The conference papers are to be published as a special issue of the *Journal of Real Estate Finance and Economics*. Center Director Keith Ihlanfeldt also published a paper related to this crisis in *Land Economics* that connected the stringency of Florida's land use regulations with the prevalence of foreclosures in the state.

The past academic year was also distinguished by people who have played important roles at the center. Two of our dissertation fellows landed impressive jobs: Torsha Bhattacharya of the Department of Urban and Regional Planning is headed to the University of Hawaii as an assistant professor, and Austin Boyle of the Department of Economics will join the faculty at Pennsylvania State University. Also this year, in concert with the Department of Economics, the center conducted a search for a young economist to join the department as an assistant professor and the center as an affiliate. We were able to hire our first choice, Chris Clapp, who is receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Virginia. Third, while graduate students have always played an important role in the center, we can now say that this is true of the undergraduates as well. They are writing blogs and doing important research on local policy problems; their work regularly appears on the center's web page.

ECONOMICS

Mark Isaac, Chair

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The Department of Economics had a very successful year in 2012-2013. Several faculty members received university-wide teaching awards. Dr. Lora Holcombe was the recipient of a 2012 Transformation Through Teaching Award, designed to honor full-time faculty who have had an



David Cooper



Mark Isaac



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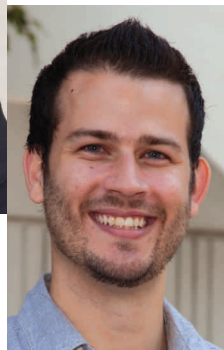
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Christopher Clapp



Luke Boosey

intellectual, inspirational, and integrative impact on the life of a student. Dr. Katie Showman was recognized for excellence in undergraduate teaching with a 2012-2013 University Teaching Award. Dr. Joe Calhoun received the Faculty Accessibility Award from the Student Disability Resource Center. Finally, Dr. Joab Corey was acknowledged for Excellence in Teaching by the Phi Eta Sigma National Honor Society.

Brim Eminent Scholar David Cooper received a grant for \$318,049 from the National Science Foundation for research on strategic decision-making by groups and individuals. Dr. Cooper was also recently named co-senior editor of the journal *Experimental Economics*. Quinn Eminent Scholar Mark Isaac received a \$6,000 grant from the Institute for Faith, Work and Economics to be a part of a team producing a book on economics and justice. The 11th edition of *Financial Institutions and Markets* by Prof. Milton Marquis (together with Peter S. Rose) was published by McGraw-Hill. Dr. Marquis was honored at a reception in Belgrade by the Association of Serbian Banks in honor of the publication of the Serbian-language version of the book. Assistant Professor John Hamman shared a grant from Universitat Pompeu Fabra with Prof. Miguel Martinez on task allocations and organization structures. Stavros Eminent Scholar James Gwartney published the 12th edition of the *Economic Freedom of the World Annual Report* (with Robert Lawson and Joshua Hall). Associate Professors Demitry Ryvkin and Svetlana Pevnitskaya received the Emerald Publishing Literati Award for Excellence in 2012.

Our congratulations go to Drs. Joe Calhoun, Joab Corey, Lora Holcombe, and Onnie Norrbin who were promoted to associate professorships in economics.

The department hired two new assistant professors for fall 2013. Christopher Clapp, from the University of Virginia, will join the department in association with the college's DeVoe Moore Center. Christopher's research is in urban economics and state and local public finance. Dr. Luke Boosey, an economic theorist from CalTech, will join the department as part of our association with the university's Risk Initiative. Luke will design a new course on the economics of decision-making under risk and uncertainty. He will also interact with the college's Experimental Social Science Cluster.

GEOGRAPHY

Victor Mesev, Chair

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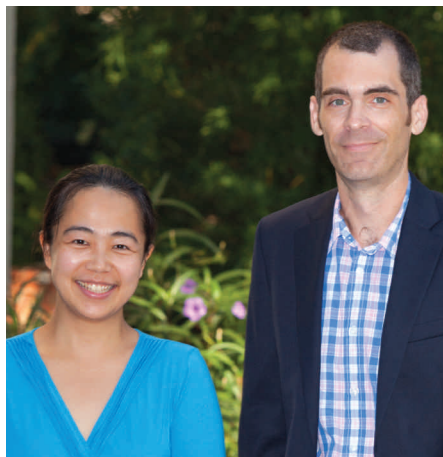
The big news for the Department of Geography this year is the creation of a physical laboratory to be housed in the old biology building, thanks to funding secured from the college and the Office of the Vice President for Research. The lab, tentatively called Biogeography and Climate Change, will be used primarily by the new faculty hires, Drs. Stephanie Pau and Chris Uejio, to conduct their research on understanding environmental indicators and controls, such as the distribution of strains of grasses, tropical flower production, dry forest, and the Dengue virus mosquito and West Nile virus. Drs. Pau and Uejio have published their research on these topics in such journals as *Global Change Biology*, *Journal of Biogeography*, and *American Journal of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene*.

The lab will build on the interdisciplinary and technology-led reputation of the department, particularly with STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) fields, such as biology. That reputation has been further enhanced by faculty contributing research to the Risk Initiative, especially in such areas as natural hazards, including hurricane and tornado tracking and planning public relief responses. Research is also focused on geo-spatial analytical research, including remote sensing, optimized models, and issues of urban sustainability.

In other news, Brenda Lamb retires after 33 years of service as the department office manager. Our best wishes go out to her for a long and happy retirement. Goodbye also to Dr. Phil Steinberg, who after 16 years at FSU moves to the University of Durham in England to spearhead their International Boundaries Research Unit. Phil helped build the reputation of the geography department with strong roots in the investigation of the often tenuous links between society and nature, culminating in books that examine Arctic sovereignty, territoriality of oceans, and urban issues post-Hurricane Katrina.

Dr. Joe Pierce has kindly agreed to a three-year term as undergraduate advisor to oversee the geography and environmental

studies majors with plans to improve the curricula of each. Finally, congratulations are in order for Dr. Mark Horner and Dr. Xiaojun Yang, who are being promoted to full professor status, and to Dr. Tingting Zhao, who will be bestowed tenure and promoted to associate professor.



Tingting Zhao and Mark Horner

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Lee Metcalf, Director

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This coming year will be an exciting one! From February 28 through March 1, 2014 we will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the International Affairs master's program, and we invite all alums and current students of the international affairs, Asian studies, Russian and East European studies, and Latin American and Caribbean studies programs to come celebrate with us. We have set up an event on Facebook (facebook.com/events/371210556322652) where we will post information, and we will also update our webpage as we make our plans. Let us know what you would like to do or how you can help. At this time, we are especially looking for alums who would be willing to be on panels to talk to students about career opportunities. We will also be recruiting students to talk to alums about all the wonderful things they are doing.

To celebrate the upcoming anniversary, we have created a new 50th anniversary scholarship for master's students, which will be awarded to an incoming student this fall. Dr. Lee Metcalf will match the first \$5,000 in donations. It would be wonderful to have this endowed before the gala in February 2014, so please give



to fund #7673! We are also delighted to announce that Eric Reading is funding another new graduate scholarship to be awarded this fall.

Our students continue to excel. Eleven international affairs majors were named Garnet and Gold Scholars, and 12 were named Social Science scholars. Tony Manning was awarded a Boren scholarship, which he will use to study Portuguese in Mozambique, and Daniel Taylor was awarded a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship to teach in Russia. Thanks to generous donations, 17 students received \$1,000 travel scholarships to study abroad, and the first recipient of the new \$4,000 Edna Ranck International Study Award is Amanda Matthews, who is interning with the women's rights NGO Amnesty for Women in Hamburg, Germany.



Tony Manning



Amanda Matthews



With mixed emotions, we announce that Dr. Eric Wiebelhaus-Brahm has accepted a tenure-track position at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. We wish him the best in his new endeavors. We are pleased to welcome Dr. Na'ama Nagar. She has a Ph.D. in political science from SUNY Albany; her dissertation was titled, "The Loud Public: The Case of User Comments in Israeli and British Media."



Na'ama Nagar

CLAUDE PEPPER INSTITUTE

John Reynolds, Director
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The Claude Pepper Institute on Aging and Public Policy was active this academic year in supporting scholarship on the public policy challenges that confront the United States in the context of an aging population, the ongoing recession, and polarized legislatures at the state and national levels.

Associates of the institute contributed to national dialogues on current health and aging policy. Drs. Kenneth Brummel-Smith, Jill Quadagno, and John Reynolds were invited by Pepper Center Director Larry Polivka to participate in U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson's Aging Roundtable in February 2013. This roundtable was requested by

Sen. Nelson (D-Fla.) in preparation for his new role as chair of the Special Committee on Aging.



John Reynolds

Dr. Brummel-Smith is currently on leave from the College of Medicine and is a Health and Aging Policy Fellow in Washington, D.C. The fellowship, administered by Atlantic Philanthropies, allows scholars to live in the nation's capital so they can get hands-on experience in policymaking and acquire the skills needed to have a positive impact on the health policies that affect older Americans.

Institute Director John Reynolds obtained a third year of funding (\$300,000) from the Florida Department of Transportation to support Florida's Safe Mobility for Life Coalition. This coalition of more than 24 state and city agencies and related organizations meets quarterly to coordinate efforts to implement a strategic safety plan designed to reduce crash-related injuries and fatalities among Florida's aging population. The work supported by the Pepper Institute this year includes hosting the Safe Mobility for Life Resource Center, which distributes on request safety materials such as Florida's Guide for Aging Drivers, conducting a follow-up survey of older drivers in Florida to monitor their safety behaviors and transportation retirement plans, more closely examining the role of Florida health professionals in prevention, and promoting throughout the state the use of CarFit events and transportation alternatives.

The Pepper Institute provided funding for the Claude and Mildred Pepper Dissertation Fellowship, awarded

this year to JoEllen Pederson from the Department of Sociology. JoEllen completed her dissertation on cross-national variations in attitudes toward spending on social welfare programs and has accepted a position as a tenure-track assistant professor of sociology at Longwood University to begin this fall. Congratulations, JoEllen, and congratulations to last year's dissertation fellowship holder, Max Mendieta of the Askew School of Public Administration, who is now employed as a visiting professor at the New Mexico State University, Las Cruces.

The 2012-13 academic year witnessed continued growth and development of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at FSU, which offers outstanding educational and social opportunities to those 50 and older in the Tallahassee area. Better known as OLLI@FSU or simply OLLI, the program is sponsored by the Pepper Institute and directed by Debra Herman. In the past year, OLLI offered 34 classes to more than 600 members. Its members took cultural trips to Biloxi, Jacksonville, and St. Petersburg, as well as local excursions to Tallahassee museums, parks, and art events. New this year, OLLI members have the opportunity to take classes at sea and in Europe. Twenty-six members took part in the Semester at Sea, choosing between voyages to either Central and South America or North Africa and Europe, and another group of members will study abroad this summer in London and Cambridge.

POLITICAL SCIENCE

Dale L. Smith, Chair
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Since the beginning of the economic crisis and cuts to higher education, the university has lost a significant number of faculty, and the Department of Political Science has shared in those losses. From fall 2007 to spring 2012, department faculty declined from 27 to 22; however, the university has finally turned the corner, and in fall 2012 two new assistant professors (Quintin Beazer and Amanda Driscoll) joined the department, and three new faculty have been hired for fall 2013. Holger Kern's research and teaching focuses on comparative politics and quantitative research methods, Jee Seon



2012-13 OLLI class members touring the Tate Modern Art Gallery in London.

Jeon will teach and research in formal theory and comparative politics, and Na'ama Nagar will offer courses on the politics of terrorism and the Middle East.

Sorry to note that we lost three of our most highly regarded associate professors. David Siegel is moving to Duke University, and Jennifer Jerit and Jason Barabas to Stony Brook University. All three have been integral parts of our department and will be greatly missed by their colleagues and students.

Faculty productivity remains extraordinarily high. Across all of our undergraduate classes (from honors seminars to large lectures) taught by tenured and tenure-track faculty, the median number of students per class is 49. In addition, the Master's in Applied American Politics and Policy program draws a large number of students, and our doctoral program continues to be one of the best in the country.

In addition, faculty continue to publish their original research in the top journals within the field of political science. And though I cannot list everyone's publications here, three recent books deserve mention. Professors William and Carol Weissert published the 4th edition of their highly-regarded text, *Governing Health: The Politics of Health Policy*, which examines how Congress, the president, special interest groups, the bureaucracy, and state governments help define health policy problems and find politically feasible solutions. Professor Cherie Maestas co-authored a book, *Catastrophic Politics: How Extraordinary Events Redefine Perceptions of Government*. By focusing on public opinion in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina, Maestas and her co-author show how media information interacts with emotion in shaping a wide

range of opinions about government and political leaders. Finally, Associate Professor Sean Ehrlich's book, *Access Points: An Institutional Theory of Policy Bias and Policy Complexity*, develops a new theory about how democratic institutions influence policy outcomes. Professor Ehrlich's book also won the American Political Science Association's 2012 Gladys Kammerer prize for the best book on U.S. national policy.

The Research Intensive Bachelor's Certificate (RIBC) program allows our very best undergraduates to enroll in a two-course sequence that provides them the skills to conduct sophisticated statistical research of political phenomenon. Richard Farinas, Amanda Dugan, and Josh Gendal presented the papers they wrote for the RIBC courses at the Southern Political Science Association Meetings in January 2013. Their topics were diverse: the influence of congressional PAC contributions (Gendal), the role of political parties in the survival of democracies around the world (Dugan), and public support for protest movements in the U.S. (Farinas).

Experimental political science research is one of the strengths of our department, and two of our former doctoral students have used their training in this field of study to land prestigious post-doctoral positions. Scott Clifford's experimental research into the moral foundations of political attitudes has resulted in several publications, and he was selected as a post-doctoral fellow in the Duke Initiative on Survey Methodology. Jon Rogers uses laboratory experiments to study political lobbying strategies and economic influences on voting, and he will be joining a research team at New York University as a post-doctoral fellow this fall.



William and Carol Weissert



Jee Seon Jeon

Cherie Maestas



Maria Naranjo

Nicole Kliewer

At the department's annual awards reception in April 2013, a number of our students were honored. Nicole Kliewer received the Thomas R. Dye scholarship, which goes to a political science major exhibiting the highest levels of academic success, and this year's Charles Billings award for public



service went to Maria Naranjo. Travis Braidwood was honored as the best graduate teaching assistant, and Eryn Jones received the Pruet Award for the best paper written in a doctoral seminar.

Three faculty also received important honors in the last year. Eric Coleman, who teaches courses in public policy and environmental politics, received a university-wide award for his undergraduate teaching. Carol Weissert, LeRoy Collins Eminent Scholar Chair, was elected to the National Academy of Public Administration, and Assistant Professor Jens Grosser was awarded a year-long visiting scholar position at the Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University.

PUBLIC HEALTH

William Weissert, Director

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Community-based public health research, workforce training, and community service will get more emphasis in the coming year as the Master of Public Health (MPH) program expands its faculty capabilities with two new adjunct positions.

Dr. Homer Rice, Leon County Health Department administrator, will begin part-time duties as the MPH program's director of outreach. In that role, Dr. Rice, who already teaches applied public health for the program each summer, will work with staff of surrounding county health departments to arrange training sessions by faculty. He will identify training needs of the workforce in an annual assessment survey and match them with faculty capabilities to do the needed training. His outreach duties will also involve making connections between the MPH program and health-related agencies in the community. Dr. Rice will use his extensive contacts to identify opportunities for faculty and students to provide expertise and services to local nonprofits and government agencies.

Dr. Kevin Frentz, health promotion and policy coordinator for University Health Services, will assume part-time duties as the MPH program's director of community-based public health research, a special focus of all public health teaching programs, emphasizing participation in research projects by members of the community on whom the research is being conducted. Broad participation of everyone involved or affected by the research or potential policy changes is the quintessence of this kind of research. An ideal example of this is the recent successful effort by Dr. Frentz, with the help of MPH students and others, to make FSU a tobacco-free campus. FSU students, staff and faculty actively participated in documenting the problem, formulating solutions, and advocating for policy change by the Board of Governors. Dr. Frentz's appointment to the MPH program is intended to strengthen ties and identify more opportunities for joint efforts.

These kinds of activities—community-based public health, community service, and workforce training—are required of MPH programs throughout the country by the accrediting agency, the Council for Education in Public Health. They are a challenge at Research I universities such as FSU, which prize research productivity and teaching, leaving less time available for service activities. Research university faculty are not typically linked with community groups and the public health workforce.

Adding these two specialists with such excellent track records in the required activities offers a creative solution to a vexing problem and will help both the program and the public health community better accomplish their missions.

Dr. Alan Rowan won't change his duties much but will assume a title better suited to what he actually does: director of student services, a role that he has always filled with great enthusiasm.

The MPH program sent a draft of its accreditation self-study document to official reviewers at the end of the spring semester. Site visitors for the Council for Education in Public Health will be on campus during September, reviewing all aspects of the program in close detail. Their findings will go to the council board for a vote on FSU's MPH program accreditation in June 2014.

SOCIOLOGY

Isaac Eberstein, Chair

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The story of sociology at FSU continues to be one of high enrollments, fewer traditional tenure-track faculty, greater reliance on specialist teaching faculty and graduate student instructors, and increasing use of online/distance learning to provide financial support for doctoral students while meeting undergraduate student demand. We teach more than 3,000 students per semester and award approximately 150 undergraduate degrees per year, a figure that will likely increase given the 500+ current majors in the department.

Apart from numbers alone, sociology undergraduates are consistently recognized for their accomplishments. Kelly Green received an FSU Leadership Award. Sean Chinn was listed as one of FSU's Notable Students for his induction into Seminole Torchbearers and recognized as a Garnet and Gold Scholar. Alexandra Olsen and Joseph Manning participated in the university's Undergraduate Research Symposium, and Alexandra also received a Mentored Research and Creative Endeavors Award. Ashley Guy received the Best Undergraduate Paper award from the department in our spring honors ceremony. A number of students were inducted into Alpha Kappa Delta, the international sociology honor society.

Graduate students were also acknowledged for their achievements. Stephanie Bradley was awarded a highly competitive Dissertation Proposal Development Fellowship from the Social Science Research Council to support her work on racial disparities in the effects of educational tax credits. Abraham Peña-Talamantes was recognized with a University Graduate Student Leadership Award, and JoEllen Pederson received a leadership award from the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy. Brittany Rawlinson received a Wilson Auzene Fellowship from FSU. Tara Stamm won the highly competitive Allen/Klar Graduate Student Paper Award in Sociology.

I am especially proud of the high quality of graduate student teachers, who are so



important to our mission. Melissa Bamford is the most recent sociology student to win an FSU Outstanding Teaching Assistant award; other nominees from the department this year were Stephanie Bradley, Michael Kline, Daniel Landford, Andrew Mannheimer, Summer McWilliams, JoEllen Pederson, Tara Stamm, Kirby Thomas, and Preeti Vaghela. Amanda Poling received the Sociology Best Graduate Student Teacher award.

The graduate program is very successful in terms of doctoral graduates and career placement. Twenty students have completed the Ph.D. since January 2012, a very large number for a program with currently about 60 graduate students. These students have found traditional academic employment as tenure-track assistant professors or post-doctoral fellows, as term instructors, and in applied positions in government and research.

Members of the faculty have received recognitions for a range of accomplishments. John Reynolds was elected vice president of the Southern Sociological Society. John is also serving as deputy editor of the flagship journal *American Sociological Review*, and he received the Michael Armer Best Faculty Teacher award from the department. Deana Rohlinger received the Faculty Seminole Award for 2012-2013 from the FSU Division of Student Affairs for her support of students. She is also serving as book review editor for the journal *Mobilization* and the social movements section editor for the online journal *Sociology Compass*. Eleven other faculty members serve on editorial boards and in other capacities for a range of sociology print and electronic journals, reflecting positively on their individual reputations and scholarly contributions to their fields. Collectively, the faculty published more than 60 refereed journal articles and three books in the past two years, plus a large number of chapters and other publications. Many of these articles were coauthored with sociology graduate students, and some students published sole-authored papers or collaborative papers with other students.

Professor Emeritus Patricia Yancey Martin was notified in July 2013 that she is approved for the Fulbright Specialist Roster, a program that links U.S.

academics and professionals and their counterparts at host institutions overseas.



Patricia Yancey Martin

Three faculty members were promoted over the past year. Dan Tope was promoted to associate professor with tenure, and Anne Barrett was promoted to professor. Annette Schwabe was promoted to research associate, the most senior rank for specialized faculty and equivalent to the title used at other schools, teaching professor. I am very pleased to recognize the important and high quality professional contributions that provided the basis for these promotions.



Anne Barrett

One faculty member left FSU this year; Terrence Hill has accepted a position at the University of Utah. We wish him well in his new job. Recruitment for a replacement is underway.

We are looking at a new cohort of 13 graduate students for the fall, including 10 in the traditional M.S./Ph.D. program and three in our Master's in Applied Social Research program. We have provided an unrivaled educational experience for

our students, even with the budgetary constraints of the past five years. With the hope that recent increases in state support will translate into new opportunities for the students and faculty, I am optimistic we will continue to do so.

THE STAVROS CENTER

James D. Gwartney, Director

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The center conducted several workshops and training sessions throughout the year. On February 7-9, 2013, the 9th annual workshop Creative Teaching Ideas for Your Basic Economics Course was held in Tampa. As in recent years, the event was co-sponsored with the Jacksonville Federal Reserve Bank and the Stavros Center of the University of South Florida. Featured speakers included Michael Chriszt of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta; Tom Palmer, director of the economic education programs for the Cato Institute; Kristina Kendall, the executive producer for John Stossel's program on the Fox Business Network; Jack Chambless, professor of economics at Valencia College; and Mark Schug, national consultant on economic education.

This year's workshop included a Saturday teacher training session on the new multi-media Common Sense Economics for Life course package developed by the center. This training session was led by center Director James Gwartney and associates Joe Calhoun, Joab Corey, and Tawni Ferrarini. Suitable for use at either the high school or college level, the course package includes a flexible syllabus, videos, classic readings, podcasts, homework assignments, and a secure test bank for quizzes and exams. It provides everything needed to teach an exciting course in either a face-to-face or online setting. The center is continuing

to provide training for instructors at other schools on how to use this unique package effectively.



A highlight of the annual workshop was the opportunity to spend some time with business entrepreneur, philanthropist, and proponent of education Gus Stavros. Mr. Stavros is pictured here (second from left) with (L-R) Center Director James Gwartney, University of South Florida Center Director Dick Puglisi, and Florida State University Assistant Director Joe Calhoun.

URBAN AND REGIONAL PLANNING

Tim Chapin, Chair

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The Department of Urban and Regional Planning (DURP) graduated its first class in 1966 and now counts more than 1,400 alumni across the 50 states and in 25+ countries around the globe. These professionals and scholars continue to undertake work that is innovative and impactful, helping to create economically vibrant and sustainable communities in Florida and throughout the world. Many of our alumni have been elected to leadership positions, including Rep. Bobby Powell

(2006), the first certified planner ever elected to the Florida House, and Brian Teeple (1981) and Melissa Zornitta (1998), the current and newly elected presidents of the Florida Chapter of the American Planning Association.

The past year saw DURP's longstanding tradition of excellence continue. Our current students continue to do extremely well in the classroom and win prestigious

national awards. The unit's faculty publishes scholarship with real-world impacts in Florida and beyond. DURP also supports FSU's community engagement and outreach missions, with award-winning applied projects and community-based work in rural Jefferson County and downtown Tallahassee.

During the last year a number of our students won competitive awards or were recognized for their excellence:

- Master of Science in Planning (MSP) graduate and new Ph.D. student Jamie Schindewolf received the FSU Adelaide Wilson Fellowship, the university's most prestigious award for doctoral study.

- Recent graduate Donald Willard won the highly competitive Presidential Management Fellowship, a program sponsored by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management, in which he will rotate through several federal agencies over the next two years

- Current MSP student Heather Lupton was awarded a Dwight David Eisenhower Graduate Transportation Fellowship from the Federal Highway Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

- Doctoral program graduates John Harris and Torsha Bhattacharya were hired as tenure-track assistant professors at the University of Oklahoma and the University of Hawaii-Manoa, respectively.

- Current MSP student Nicholas Torres was selected as an intern with the Federal Highway Administration by The Washington Center.

- The spring 2012 studio won the American Planning Association-Florida Chapter Student Project of the Year Award for their "Creating a Community of Scholars" project in offering a vision for FSU's Alumni Village. The fall 2012 studio received this year's award in June 2013 for their College Park District Plan. (For more on these awards, see the article on page 10.)

In addition to these notable accomplishments, the department graduated more than 40 master's students and three doctoral students. These graduates are off to work in communities throughout Florida and in work settings as diverse as the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), the Florida Department of Transportation, and Orlando's MetroPlan, a regional planning body in one of the nation's fastest growing regions.

Among the many successes for the DURP faculty in the last year were the promotions of Chris Coutts to associate professor with tenure and Tim Chapin to full professor. Associate Professor Coutts is one of the leading young scholars looking at green infrastructure and community health, while Professor Chapin



Jamie Schinewolf and Heather Lupton

is nationally recognized as the leading scholar on Florida's growth management experiment of the last several decades. Other faculty play leadership roles in their areas of interest. Jeff Brown serves with the Transportation Research Board, Rebecca Miles has advised on several national Centers for Disease Control projects, and Petra Doan was invited to speak at a conference on the future of planning education held at MIT. During the last year the faculty published several books and more than 15 peer-reviewed articles and secured more than \$300,000 in outside funding to support the unit's research activities and graduate students.

While the year has been successful on most fronts, we are sad to bid goodbye to two beloved DURP family members. Longtime faculty member and stalwart Bob Deyle retired in summer 2013. Bob joined the DURP faculty in 1991 and has been an outstanding teacher, scholar, and colleague during his time in the program. Alumni of the program will remember

Bob for his remarkable classes and his attention to detail; colleagues will miss Bob for his great humor, his commitment to DURP, and his Hawaiian shirts. Assistant Professor Rebecca Lewis has also departed, leaving for the call of family and the rainy northwest for a position at the University of Oregon.

These departures have been balanced with the addition of two excellent young assistant professors, Mike Duncan and John Felkner. A scholar with interests in transportation policy, Mike comes to us after earning his Ph.D. in planning at UCLA and a term as a successful professor at the University of North Carolina-Charlotte. Mike teaches courses in bike/pedestrian transportation and transportation/land use planning. John joins the faculty after traveling the world for a decade consulting on international development projects. He holds a Ph.D. in planning from Harvard and teaches courses in geographic information systems and international development. ■



Tim Chapin and Chris Coutts



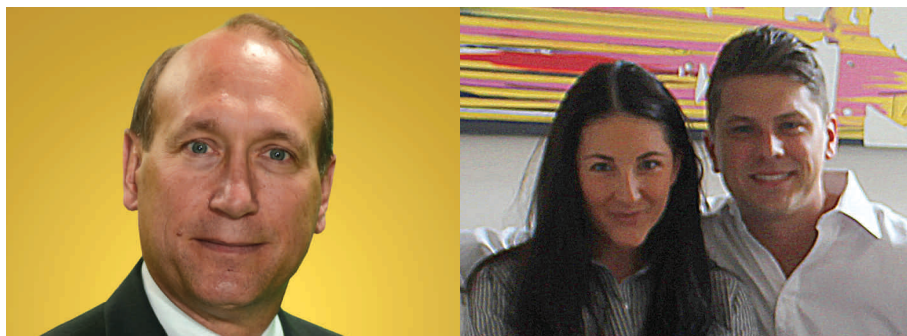
John Felkner



Mike Duncan

DEVELOPMENT NEWS

ALUMNI GIFTS HONOR COLLEGE FACULTY



Dr. Allen Zeman

Katherine and Tim Gunning

Two alumni of the Department of Economics have made significant gifts to the college in honor of the teacher-mentors who gave them their start.

Allen Zeman (B.S. '85, Ph.D. '89) is supporting, for the next five years, a Social Science Scholar in honor of Dean David Rasmussen. Dr. Zeman, president of the Center for Human Capital Innovation, a firm dedicated to improving human capital management in the federal government, says, "As a professor, dissertation advisor, and life-long mentor, David Rasmussen has contributed more to my professional capabilities than anyone. When I coach or mentor others, he is my standard. In my career I've been fortunate to advise many high officials in government, industry and the military; in all cases, I hope that I've met Dr. Rasmussen's standard: to give liberally to those who will listen and take action."

Tim Gunning (B.A. '00) has gone on to a successful career in international tax policy, crediting much of what he has achieved in life to the influence of the professor whose Principles of Microeconomics class inspired Tim from the first day he attended it early in his time at FSU. He and his wife Katharine Gunning (Communications, '06), an advertising executive, have now established the Thomas S. McCaleb Scholarship Endowment Fund in honor of his mentor to reward a full-time economics Ph.D. student who excels in teaching undergraduate students.

"I have been attending 'class' for 15 years now, and Professor McCaleb has never missed an important moment in my life," remarks Dr. Gunning, who received his Ph.D. from Rice University in 2007. The Gunnings married that same year, and Dr. McCaleb stood in for Tim's deceased father. "This endowment serves as a reminder to all of us that we have the ability to impact other people's lives every day by sharing our knowledge, experiences, and taking the time to listen. Katharine and I are forever grateful for the impact Professor McCaleb has had on our lives."

To find out more about these endowments or how you can make a gift to the college in honor of someone important in your life and career, please contact Director of Development Jesse Colvin (jcolvin@foundation.fsu.edu, 850-644-1920). ■

DEVELOPMENT HIGHLIGHTS

■ 1,316 donors contributed \$1,646,879 to the college during FY2012-2013, of which \$950,879 was designated for unrestricted operating and current support, \$120,525 was designated for endowment and estate/bequest gifts totaled \$575,475.

■ The number of Bellamy Society members rose 31%, from 64 the previous year to 84 in 2012-2013. The overall donor base for 2012-2013 rose by 270 new donors, a 26% increase over the 1,046 donors in 2011-2012.

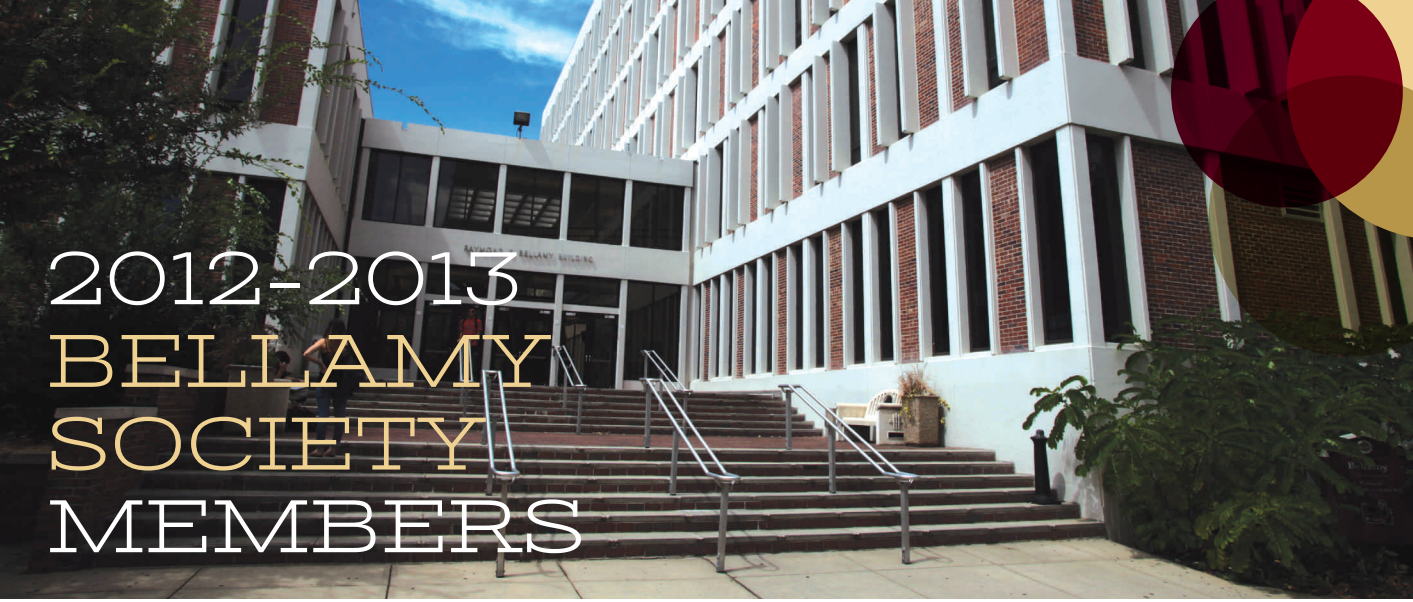
■ Donors Capital Fund of Arlington, Va. contributed \$325,000 to the Gus Stavros Center for Economic Education to fund the first year of a three-year expansion plan for the center's Economic Literacy Initiative.

■ Several donors have made provisions in their estate plans: Sharon and S. Randy Woods of Mt. Dora, Fla. (\$250,000 bequest for unrestricted support for college), Patricia Bambakos Harvey of Salisbury, Md. (unrestricted support for Department of Political Science through IRA), and Mark S. Ellis of London, England (\$50,000 bequest for Monsignor William Kerr Intercultural Education and Dialogue Initiative).

■ Donors Trust Inc. of Arlington, Va. contributed \$207,140 for graduate fellowship awards for Department of Economics Ph.D. students.

■ The Apgar Foundation of Indianapolis, Ind. contributed two gifts totaling \$47,000 to help provide unrestricted support for the Gus Stavros Center for Economic Education.

■ Robert W. Stork of Vero Beach, Fla. provided \$42,000 in seed capital funding for the Institute of Government's new Project on Accountable Justice within the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy.



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The College of Social Sciences and Public Policy gratefully acknowledges and recognizes the following leadership supporters as 2012-2013 members of The Bellamy Society for their annual unrestricted or current support gifts/pledges of \$1,000 or more during 2012-2013 to help provide support either college-wide or for one of the college's departments or programs.* As a result of their individual and collective generosity, the college continues to improve the quality of its students' academic experience. On their behalf, the college expresses its special thanks and appreciation to:

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Mark Ellis, 2013 Distinguished Alumnus, will be recognized at this year's event on November 15.



Steve Lawry (left), 2012 Distinguished Alumnus, with Dean David Rasmussen at last year's event.

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15

Join us for a reception honoring the college's 2013 Distinguished Alumnus **Mark Ellis**.

Mark is a graduate of Economics (BS '79), and received his J.D. degree from the FSU College of Law ('84).

3:30 – 5:00 PM

DeVoe Moore Conference Room, 150 Bellamy



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16

GAME DAY / ALL COLLEGE ALUMNI TAILGATE

START TIME 3 hours prior to kickoff (please note this is a change from the 4 hours prior to kickoff from previous years)

LOCATION President Eric and Molly Barron will be the hosts for this event. The tents will be located in the backyard of the president's home.

There will be food, entertainment, non-alcoholic beverages and beer and wine available.

Ample parking is offered at the alumni center lots and buses will be available to take guests to the stadium.

Buses will also pick up from the stadium at the end of the third quarter and again at the end of the game to return to the president's home.

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